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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 34, lines 24-27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- EPTI

Bovine pancreatic trypsin inhibitor, identical to aprotinin (Merck Index, entry 784, p.119 (SEQ ID NO:44))--

Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 10-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A candidate IPBD should meet the following criteria:

- 1) a domain exists that will remain stable under the conditions of its intended use (the domain may comprise the entire protein that will be inserted, e.g. BPTI (SEQ ID NO:44), α -conotoxin GI, or CMTI-III),
- 2) knowledge of the amino acid sequence is obtainable, and
- 3) a molecule is obtainable having specific and high affinity for the IPBD, AfM (IFBD).--

Please replace the paragraph on pages 50-51, lines 13-34 and 1-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Polypeptides of this size, however, have disadvantages as binding molecules. According to Olivera et al. (OLIV90a):